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AMENDMENT**

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING
MULTIPLE DATABASE FILES

RESPONSE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

I. Introduction

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2005 ("Office Action"). Presently, Claims 1-15 and 32-36 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-15 and 32-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,226,650, issued to Mahajan et al. (hereinafter "Mahajan et al."), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,970,502, issued to Salkewicz et al. (hereinafter "Salkewicz et al."). For the following reasons, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-15 and 32-36 of the present application are not obvious over Mahajan et al. in view of Salkewicz et al. because the cited and applied references fail to teach or suggest a system and method for dynamically synchronizing a database stored on a server and client computer as claimed in the present application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and for the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Before discussing more detailed reasons for applicants' belief that all the claims of the present application are allowable, a brief description of the present invention and the cited references is presented. The following discussion of the disclosed embodiments of applicants' invention and the teachings of the applied reference are not provided to define the scope or

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